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| **Abstract:** | This contribution proposes amending Resolution 75 in order to bring it into line with UN General Assembly Resolutions A/70/1 and A/70/125 and Council Resolution 1332 of 2016.  |

Introduction

The Telecommunication Standardization Sector, and indeed the entire ITU, is actively involved in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Particular attention is being paid to Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure), C5 (Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs) and C6 (Enabling environment) of the WSIS Plan of Action, for which ITU is sole facilitator and responsible for implementing the corresponding WSIS outcomes, as well as C3 (Access to information and knowledge), C7 (ICT applications: advantages in all aspects of life), C8 (Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content) and C9 (Media). Work on WSIS implementation in ITU is being conducted in accordance with Resolutions 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014) and other relevant Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and with Council Resolutions 1332 and 1336.

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event coordinated by ITU (Geneva, 2014) adopted by consensus the WWIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes and WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015. These documents were also approved by PP-14. In September 2015 the UN Summit adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society in December 2015 adopted the corresponding Resolution A/70/L.33, reaffirming the undertakings of Geneva in 2003 and Tunis in 2005 and recognizing the need for governments, the private sector, civil society, international organizations, the technical and academic communities and all other relevant stakeholders to continue to work together to implement the World Summit on the Information Society Vision beyond 2015, as well as the role of the WSIS process in achieving sustainable development goals.

The ITU’s objectives including those of ITU-T were reflected in the relevant Resolutions of PP‑14 and Council 2015.

In implementing WSIS outcomes it is essential to consider the different levels of social and economic development of countries and the national conditions that determine the level of the digital divide and affect the development of specific programmes at the national and international levels.

Such objective indicators include:

– Demographic indicators (age indicators)

– GDP per head of population

– Economic growth rates

– State and quality of telecommunication infrastructure

– Level and quality of national education, and so on.

Resolution 75 should accordingly be brought into line with the above texts.

Proposal

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RESOLUTION 75 (REV. HAMMAMET, 2016)

The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector's contribution in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

(Johannesburg, 2008; Dubai, 2012; Hammamet, 2016)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (Hammamet, 2016),

considering

*a)* the relevant outcomes of both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

*b)* UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/125, on the outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

*c)* UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/1 "Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development";

*d)* the relevant resolutions and decisions related to the implementation of relevant outcomes of both phases of WSIS and to international Internet-related public policy issues adopted at the Plenipotentiary Conference (Busan, 2014) and the 2016 session of the ITU Council:

i) Resolution 71 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2016-2019;

ii) Resolution 101 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on Internet protocol-based networks;

iii) Resolution 102 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role with regard to international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources, including domain names and addresses;

iv) Resolution 130 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT);

v) Resolution 133 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of administrations of Member States in the management of internationalized (multilingual) domain names;

vi) Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in implementing the outcomes of WSIS;

vii) Resolution 178 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in organizing the work on technical aspects of telecommunication networks to support the Internet;

viii) Resolution 200 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, "Connect 2020 Agenda for global telecommunication/information and communication technology development";

*e)* the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU‑T) in ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes, adaptation of ITU's role and development of telecommunication standards in building the information society, including a lead facilitation role in the WSIS implementation process, as a moderator/facilitator for implementing Action Lines C2, C5 and C6 and participating with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of Action Lines C1, C3, C4, C7, C8, C9 and C11 and all other relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes, within the financial limits set by the Plenipotentiary Conference;

*f)* that the management of the Internet encompasses both technical and public policy issues and should involve all stakeholders and relevant intergovernmental and international organizations in accordance with §§ 35 *a)*-*e)* of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society,

considering further

*a)* that in accordance with Resolution 1332 of Council 2016, the objectives of the Council Working Group on WSIS are, among other things, to facilitate inputs from the ITU's membership on ITU implementation of relevant WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to monitor and evaluate on a yearly basis the actions taken by ITU with respect to implementation of WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to provide guidance to ITU on how its future and ongoing activities can help achieve the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provide direction in reviewing reporting and work plans to support those efforts;

*b)* that the creation of the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues, in accordance with Council Resolution 1336, open to Member States only, was needed so as to promote enhanced cooperation and to foster the participation of governments in addressing international Internet public policy issues;

*c)* that there is a perceived need to improve coordination, dissemination and interaction: (i) by avoiding duplication of efforts through focused coordination between ITU's relevant study groups that deal with international Internet public policy issues and technical aspects of telecommunication networks to support the Internet; (ii) by disseminating relevant international Internet public policy information to the ITU membership, the General Secretariat and the Bureaux; (iii) by promoting enhanced cooperation and technical-oriented interaction between ITU and other relevant international organizations and entities,

recognizing

*a)* the commitment of ITU to achieving WSIS objectives, as one of the most important goals for the Union;

*b)* that the Plenipotentiary Conference, in Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014), approved the following outcome documents of the WSIS+10 High-Level Event:

– WSIS+10 Statement on the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes; and

– WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015;

*c)* that UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/125 calls for close alignment between the World Summit on the Information Society process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, highlighting the crosscutting contribution of information and communications technology to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and poverty eradication, and noting that access to information and communications technologies has also become a development indicator and aspiration in and of itself,

recognizing further

*a)* that all governments should have an equal role and responsibility for international Internet governance and for ensuring the stability, security and continuity of the Internet, while also recognizing the need for development of public policy by governments in consultation with all stakeholders, as expressed in § 68 of the Tunis Agenda;

*b)* the need for enhanced cooperation in the future, to enable governments, on an equal footing, to carry out their roles and responsibilities in international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, but not in the day-to-day technical and operational matters that do not impact on international public policy issues, as expressed in § 69 of the Tunis Agenda,

*c)* that, using relevant international organizations, such cooperation should include the development of globally applicable principles on public policy issues associated with the coordination and management of critical Internet resources, in which regard the organizations responsible for essential tasks associated with the Internet are called upon to contribute to creating an environment that facilitates this development of public policy principles, as expressed in § 70 of the Tunis Agenda;

*d)* that the process towards enhanced cooperation, as expressed in §§ 69‑71 of the Tunis Agenda, must be continued, and for that purpose in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution A/70/125 the CSTD must not later than July 2016 set up a working group with the full involvement of all interested parties, taking into account the full diversity of their respective positions, in order to draft recommendations on further enhancing cooperation as envisaged in the Tunis Agenda,

taking into account

*a*) Resolution 30 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

*b)* Resolution ITU-R 61 (Geneva, 2015) of the Radiocommunication Assembly, on ITU‑R’s contribution in implementing the WSIS outcomes;

*c)* the programmes, activities and regional initiatives being carried out in accordance with the decisions of WTDC-14 for bridging the digital divide;

*d)* the relevant work already accomplished and/or to be carried out by ITU under the guidance of the Council Working Group on WSIS (WG-WSIS) for implementation of the WSIS outcomes,

noting

*a)* Council 2016 Resolution 1332, on ITU's role in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*b)* Council 2015 Resolution 1334, on ITU's role in the overall review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes;

*c)* Council 2015 Resolution 1336, on the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

noting further

that the ITU Secretary-General created the ITU WSIS Task Force, whose role is to formulate strategies and coordinate ITU's policies and activities in relation to WSIS, as noted by Council Resolution 1332,

resolves

1 to continue ITU‑T's work on implementation of WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and follow-up activities within its mandate;

2 that ITU‑T should carry out those activities that come within its mandate and participate with other stakeholders, as appropriate, in the implementation of all relevant action lines and other WSIS outcomes and activities to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

3 that the relevant ITU-T study groups should consider in their studies the output of the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

1 to provide WG-WSIS with a comprehensive summary of ITU-T activities on implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

2 to ensure that concrete objectives and deadlines for activities in connection with WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are developed and reflected in the operational plans of ITU-T in accordance with Resolution 140 (Rev. Busan, 2014);

3 to provide information on emerging trends based on ITU-T activities;

4 to take appropriate action to facilitate the activities for implementation of this resolution;

5 in implementing the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, within the mandate of the ITU Standardization Sector, to take into account the different levels of social and economic development of countries and particular national conditions;

6 to submit a contribution to the annual reports of the ITU Secretary-General to relevant UN organizations on the contribution of ITU-T to implementing the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

invites Member States and Sector Members

1 to submit contributions to relevant ITU‑T study groups and to the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group, where appropriate, and contribute to WG-WSIS on implementing WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development within the ITU mandate;

2 to support and collaborate with the Director of TSB in implementing relevant WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in ITU‑T,

invites Member States

to submit contributions to the Council Working Group on WSIS and to the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues.

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